

Josiah H. Benton Fd.
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In Council

Philadelphia March 11th 1779

Sir

The season of the year now admitting, and the publick service requiring that we should put ourselves in the best posture of defence, we have directed Mr. Henry to deliver over to you all the small arms Gun-barrels ammunition and other stores not meerly naval. And we request you would immediately employ suitable persons to put in compleat repair and order all the small arms you have or can collect.

The Gun-barrels to be stocked, accoutrements &c.^a to be provided so as to be in readiness for service as soon as may be. You will also make enquiry if there are any arms of good quality to be purchased in this City or elsewhere within our reach and suggest any other measures which may have occurred to you to obtain a supply competent to any reasonable contingency. From your former attention and care we doubt not every thing will be done in your power

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To Captain Joseph Stiles

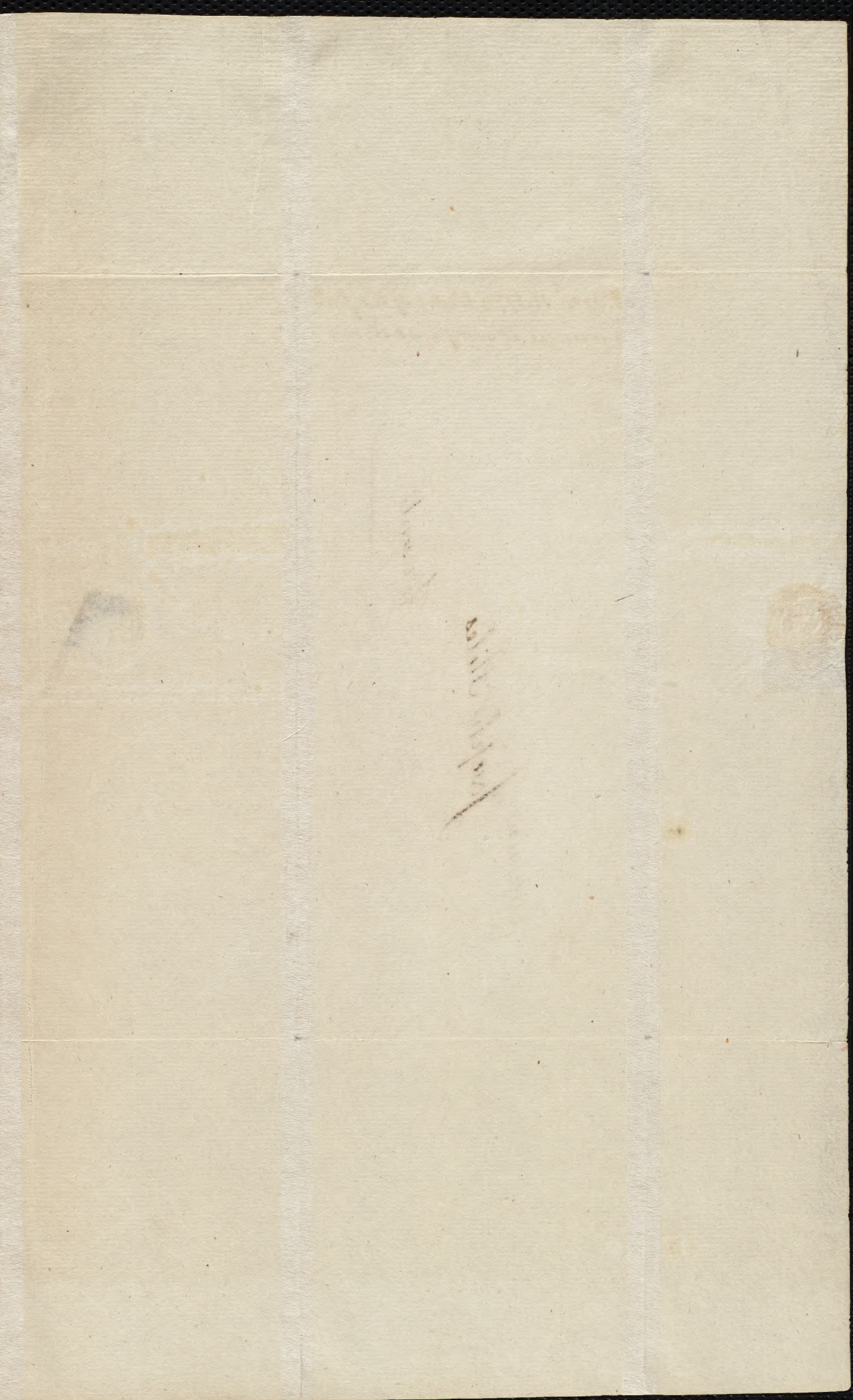
to comply with our expectations and desires

I am Sir

Your very humble servant

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President



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To
Captain Joseph Stiles

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